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Applicant : Harvey Dale DeFord, et al.  
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MATERIAL  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 21, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.